

REMARKS

Claims 10-47 and 82-92 and SEQ ID NO: 4 were previously elected for further prosecution. Further, in response to the requirement to "identify a single pharmaceutical composition," Applicant elected a formulation comprising β -interferon as a single biologically active agent and linking claims 10-47 and 82-92, insofar as these claims recite the invention to be examined.

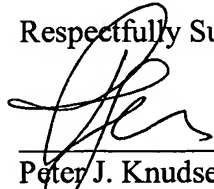
In the Office Action dated April 18, 2006, Examiner further requires Applicant to further election to a species of pharmaceutical composition. In response, Applicant elects pharmaceutical composition comprising a membrane penetration agent selected from the group consisting of a surfactant, a phospholipid, a cyclodextrin or betacyclodextrin derivative, and a chelator. Examiner also requires Applicant to indicate which claims read on the elected composition, SEQ ID NO: 4. In response to Examiner's requirement, Applicant indicates claims 10, 12-17, 30-47, and 82-91. In further response to this requirement, Applicant amends claims 10 and 91 to expressly limit these claims to the elected invention.

Applicant makes these elections and amendments with traverse and without waiver as to right to rejoinder or under 103(b), or to submit the unelected inventions and/or species in a separate application.

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully submits that the present case is in condition for allowance. In advance of such action, rejoinder of the additional species and claims reading thereon is respectfully requested. Should Examiner maintain that some of the issues addressed herein remain unresolved, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to discuss such issues at Examiner's convenience and hereby requests an Examiner interview by telephone for this purpose.

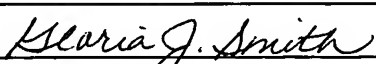
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